1995.

(2) S.O. No. 634(E), dated the 12th July, 1995, publishing the Income-tax (Ninth Amendment) Rules, 1995.

(3) S.O. No. 667(E), dated the 25th July, 1995, publishing the Income-tax (Fourteenth Amendment) Rules, 1995.

[Placed in Library, *See* No. LT-8105/95]

VIII. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Interim Report of the Fifth Central Pay Commission.

Message from the Lok Sabha

The Indian Statistical Institute (Amendment) Bill, 1995

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Madam, I have to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:

> "In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Indian Statistical Institute (Amendment) Bill, 1995, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 21st August, 1995."

Madam, I lay a copy of the Bill on the Table.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

श्री त्रिलोकी नाथ चतुर्वेदी (उत्तर प्रदेश): महोदया, मैं दूरदर्शन के संबंध में लोक लेखा समिति (दसवीं लोक सभा) के सत्तानवें प्रतिवेदन पर की गई कार्रवाई पर लोक लेखा समिति के एक सौ छः वे प्रतिवेदन की एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) सभा पटल पर रखता हूं।

REPORT AND MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UNDERTAKINGS

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): Madam I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Forty-third Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings on Mazagon Dock Limited and Minutes of the Sittings of the Committee relating thereto.

REPORT AND MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND WELFARE

SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR (Karnataka): Madam, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Sixteenth Report of the Standing Committee on Labour and Welfare (1995-96) on the Working Journalists and Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions (Amendment) Bill, 1995 and Minutes of the Sittings of the Committee relating thereto.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Escape of LTTE Cadres from the Vellore Special Camp, North Arcot Ambedkar District, Tamil Nadu

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam, on the next one I have an objection. I have to raise a point of order.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Madam, I would like to raise a point of order.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Madam, I have a strong objection to the Minister laying this statement on the Table of the House. This is not a statement correcting a previous statement; this is not correcting an answer; this is not a report of any committee. This is not relating to anything like that which is laid on the Table of the House. Madam, this is a very important issue relating to the

escape of 42 militants from the Vellore Jail. If the Minister lays it on the Table of the House I am deprived of my right to seek clarifications. He cannot lay it on the Table of the House like this. I want to seek clarifications. How can he lay it like this? Permit us to seek clarifications. Our submission is that the State Government has connived and allowed them to escape. He is just laying the statement on the Table of the House and going away. Please permit us to seek clarifications.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam, it is very objectionable. She is saying that we have connived with the militants and allowed them to escape. It is unfair to say like this. We are prepared to answer.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is their allegation.

विपक्ष के नेता (श्री सिकंदर बख्त): जयंती नटराजन साहिबा ने जो कुछ कहा है, हमारा उससे इत्तेफाक है। यह उसी तरीके से आना चाहिये था। इनफैक्ट, इस ईशू को सर्कमवैस्ट करने का कोई मतलब नहीं था।

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Madam, there is a convention in the House and there is also a rule., As Members of the House we have a right to seek clarifications from the hon. Minister. The Minister cannot lay a document on the Table.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: O.K. Let me find out.

SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY: The Minister should explain to us what the Report is and also the reason why he is laying it like that. These things we would like to know. The Minister cannot just lay it on the Table of the House.

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA (Bihar): Without going into its merits I support Shrimati Jayathi Natarajan on this point.

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI: Such type of statements cannot be placed. ...*(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: All right. I have understood the problem. Will you please sit down? I inquired from the Secretariat and they have informed me that the honourable Chairman Sahib has cleared it three days ago. Since the House was seized of the rail accident matter yesterday and we also adjourned the House at 2.25 P.M. he could not read it. But in the past a statement was never laid. If there is a *suo motu* statement, it has to be read out. Since this statement is a *suo motu* statement, it has to be read out whenever the House permits him. If the time is not there, then, we can fix up some other time and clarifications can follow after it has been read out. If the House permits, I will ask the Minister to lay it. In the meantime, Members can have copies and read them. We will have clarifications later on.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Madam, my request is, if the statement is laid on the Table of the House, it becomes public. Along with that, clarifications should come. Otherwise, let him lay it on the Table of the House tomorrow and then we can seek clarifications. If the statement is laid and clarifications do not come, it will be a one-sided report. Therefore, Madam, let the clarifications follow immediately after the statement is made.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Madam, let me explain the Government's point of view. When Members demanded that the Government should make a statement, we made a commitment that the Government would make a statement and we did it. Then I was told that a copy of the statement should also be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha because there was no demand from the Members of Rajya Sabha. But I am open for any suggestion.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Madam, I demanded a statement from the Government. ...*(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Narayanasamy, let the Minister complete his speech. ...*(Interruptions)*... Mr. Narayanasamy, please.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Whatever the Chair decides, the Government will abide by it. I can read out the statement and later on, Members can put questions. We have no problem on that. The time can be fixed by the Chair or I can read out the statement and clarifications can be sought afterwards.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Not now, because we have other listed business. You cannot read it now.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: I will leave it to the discretion of the Chair and you can decide whether I should make my statement today or tomorrow or at some other time. The Government is ready to answer the questions of the hon. Members.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We would find out the time for it and inform you so that you can read out the statement and Members can seek clarifications. That will be in proper order.

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर (उत्तर प्रदेश): अभी मंत्री महोदय ने कहा कि लोक सभा में मांगा गया था इसलिए वहां वक्तव्य दिया गया यहां नहीं दिया। मेरा निवेदन यह है कि दोनों सदनों में यह परम्परा रही है कि वहां रखने के बाद उसी समय या उसी दिन उसको रखा जाना चाहिए। यह भूल मंत्री महोदय ने की कि वहां पर एक दिन पहले वक्तव्य दे दिया और यहां पर अब दे रहे हैं। यह उसी दिन आना चाहिए जिस दिन लोक सभा में रखा गया था। **(व्यवधान)**

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Madam, let me clarify his point. I was allowed to speak in the Lok Sabha at 5.50 P.M. At 6.00 P.M. we wanted to make a statement in the Rajya Sabha but the Uper House was already adjourned for the day. The next possible day was Monday, the 21st August, 1995. We were not allowed to make a statement yesterday. Today, we can make a statement. So, there is no mistake on the part of the Government. We have informed the House immediately about it.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Pilot, I will let you know.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Okay, Madam.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Madam, clarifications should follow immediately after the statement because it is a very important matter.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: All right. We will do it.

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल (उत्तर प्रदेश): एक क्लेरिफिकेशन चाहता हूं। एक दर्खास्त 23 एम०पीज ने लिखकर चेयरमैन साहब को दी थी। **(व्यवधान)**

[†]شری محمد افضل عرف م - افضل: ایک کلیری فیکیشن چاہتا ہوں - ایک درخواست ۲۳ ایم - پیز نے لکھکر چیئرمین صاحب کو دی تھی ... "مداخلت" ...]

उपसभापति: मैं हाऊस में क्लेरिफिकेशन नहीं कर सकती।

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल: मैंने सेक्रेटरिएट से मालूम किया था...

[†]شری محمد افضل عرف م - افضل: میں نے سیکریٹری ایٹ سے معلوم کیا تھا - ... "مداخلت" ...]

उपसभापति: प्रोसिजर जो है मैं समझा दूं। अगर आपने चेयरमैन साहब को दर्खास्त लिख कर दी, किसी सिलसिले में लिखकर दी तो उसके बारे में मैं हाऊस में क्लेरिफिकेशन नहीं दे सकती। **(व्यवधान)** आप सुन

[†] Transliteration in Arabic Script.

लीजिए। मैं न तो यहां हाउस में क्लेरिफिकेशन दे सकती हूं और न आपको उचित है कि वह यहां पर हाउस में उठावें। आप चेयरमैन साहब से इस बारे में पूछ लीजिए। (व्यवधान)

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल: मैं सिर्फ यह जानना चाहता था, इसमें क्लेरीफिकेशन की कोई बात नहीं है। चेयरमैन साहब ने मुझे कहा था कि 24 तारीख को यहां डिसकशन के तौर पर शाम के 5 बजे अलाऊ कर दूंगा। लेकिन अभी जब मैंने सेक्रेटिरिएट से मालूम किया तो उन्होंने कहा कि ऐसा नहीं हुआ है। मैं जानना चाहता हूं, अभी हाउस चलने में केवल दो-तीन दिन रह गए हैं। यह बड़ा अहम सवाल है और पिछले तीन हफ्तों से मैं बराबर कोशिश कर रहा हूं। इस पर 23 एम०पीज ने दस्तखत किए हैं। उनमें हमारे एस०एस० अहलुवालिया जी, गुरुदास दासगुप्त जी, आई०के० गुजराल जी और जयपाल रेड्डी जी जैसे सीनियर मेंबर्स ने इस पर दस्तखत किए हैं।

††शरी मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ म-अफजल: मैं सिर्फ यह जानना चाहता था, इसमें क्लेरीफिकेशन की कोई बात नहीं है। चेयरमैन साहब ने मुझे कहा था कि २४ तारीख को यहां डिसकशन के तौर पर शाम के ५ बजे अलाऊ कर दूंगा। लेकिन अभी जब मैंने सेक्रेटरिएट से मालूम किया तो उन्होंने कहा कि ऐसा नहीं हुआ है। मैं जानना चाहता हूं, अभी हाउस चलने में केवल दो-तीन दिन रह गए हैं। यह बड़ा अहम सवाल है और पिछले तीन हफ्तों से मैं बराबर कोशिश कर रहा हूं। इस पर २३ एम०पीज ने दस्तखत किए हैं। उनमें हमारे एस०एस० अहलुवालिया जी, गुरुदास दासगुप्त जी, आई०के० गुजराल जी और जयपाल रेड्डी जी जैसे सीनियर मेंबर्स ने इस पर दस्तखत किए हैं।

उपसभापति: मैं मालूम करूंगी:

I will discuss it with the hon. Chairman. He is not here today.

मैं उनसे पूछकर आपको बताऊंगी कि इसके लिए उन्होंने क्या टाइम मुकर्रर किया है। मैं आपको बता दूंगी।

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल: मुझे तो यह कहा गया था और मैंने उसके हिसाब से सारे अपने मेंबरान से जिन-जिन लोगों ने दस्तखत किए थे, उनसे दरख्वास्त की थी कि कल इस पर बहस होगी। लेकिन आज मुझे पता लग रहा है कि इस तरह की कोई बात नहीं है।

††शरी मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ म-अफजल: मुझे तो यह कहा गया था और मैंने उसके हिसाब से सारे अपने मेंबरान से जिन-जिन लोगों ने दस्तखत किए थे, उनसे दरख्वास्त की थी कि कल इस पर बहस होगी। लेकिन आज मुझे पता लग रहा है कि इस तरह की कोई बात नहीं है।

उपसभापति: मैं मालूम कर दूंगी।

श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल: यदि बी०एसी० के अंदर ऐसा तय हुआ है कि इस तरह के इश्यू नहीं लिये जायेंगे तो बड़ा मुश्किल हो जाएगा।

††शरी मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ म-अफजल: यदि बी०एसी० के अंदर ऐसा तय हुआ है

†† Transliteration in Arabic Script

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उपसभापतिः मुझे मालूम नहीं है। मैं इसके बारे में मालूम करके मुझे पूछ लीजिएगा, मैं आपको बता दूंगी।

RE. ALLOTMENT OF STALLS TO PEPSI AT NEW DELHI RAILWAY STATION IN PREFERENCE TO A PUBLIC SECTOR UNIT

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): Madam Deputy Chairman, I want to raise an important issue. I am happy that some time back, our Industry Minister, Shri Karunakaranji, made a statement and reiterated that Government would not allow any public sector unit to be privatised and wherever sick units were there, he would make all efforts to revive them. I am very happy about it. We should take action on that line. *Interruptions.)*

SHRI M.A. BABY (Kerala): Words are very good. What about deeds?

The Vice-Chairman (Shri Suresh Pachouri) In the Chair.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Mr. Vice-Chairman, we want the food-processing industry to be given more fillip, more advantage and more encouragement. But what happened? The Minister for Food-Processing Industries, Mr. Tarun Gogoi, wrote a letter to the Railway Minister. I am reading out from that letter. "I wish to take this opportunity to introduce the Modern Food Industries Limited, a Government of India Undertaking." That means, a public sector undertaking. "They should be allowed a stall on platform No. 10 for mango juice which they are giving by vending machines." It costs only Rs. 3/-. Unfortunately, after the letter was written by the Minister, on 21st September, 1994, the Private Secretary to the Minister of Railways wrote back stating that it was being looked into. A second reminder was sent. *(Interruptions).*

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH (Bihar): The reply was sent by the Private Secretary?

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Yes. It was sent by the Private Secretary. I am sorry to report that instead of giving a stall to the public sector food-processing unit, three stalls were given, not one, on platform No. 10 in the New Delhi Railway Station, to the Pepsi Company. It was not given to our public sector company. How did it happen? I was always taking this juice because it would cost only Rs. 3/- per glass whereas Pepsi would cost Rs. 6/- or Rs. 7/- a glass. When I enquired, "Why should you not have a mango juice stall there?" I told them, "The Rajdhani Express leaves from platform No. 10. Why don't you have a stall on platform No. 10? In reply to that, it was said that they had already written in 1994. The public sector undertaking was not given any stall. And three stalls have been given to multinationals! Are we going to have multinationals or are we going to have public sector units? The sickness of our public sector is because of such reasons. If you want the public sector is to thrive, at least one stall should have been given to them. Let people take what they want, whether mango juice or Pepsi. Let it be left to them. Unfortunately, orders are not being received by the public sector units and many public sector units are becoming sick because they are not getting the orders. This was a small thing and even the Minister had written about it. I made enquiries with the Minister's office and I was given to understand that an enquiry has been made. But those who are sitting in the Baroda House have not cared even to furnish the enquiry report to the minister. If the report had been submitted to the Railway Minister, I am sure, the Railway Minister definitely would have